

Expansion urged for advisory boards

By Shawn Giiilck

An expanded role for program advisory committees was recommended to the Conestoga College board of governors in a study released at its May 27 meeting.

The study, carried out by the management consulting firm of Peat Marwick Stevenson and Kellogg, contains suggestions for improving the operation of the college's advisory committees, as well as reaffirming the necessity for their continued operation.

Program advisory committees consist of industry advisors, faculty, student representatives and administration personnel, whose mandate is to plan curriculum and program operation for college programs.

The report outlines several problems with the current operation of advisory committees, notably in organization and in representation.

The first of these problems is a lack of organization, activity, proper guidelines and preparation of members.

The report proposes a training session be scheduled for committee members and chairs.

President John Tibbits supported this idea, saying "with the large turnover of PAC (program advisory committee) members, it is impossible to schedule constant sessions." He suggested two sessions a year should be held, one in January

or February, and the second in September or October.

Tibbits also agreed with a recommendation that new guidelines be developed to explain the mandate of the committees.

He said the current guidelines are legalistic, in a style which may seem patronizing. He suggested the new guidelines should be "more user-friendly".

Tibbits said he was also impressed with the initiative some of the committees had shown, citing planning that the emergency services committee had carried out.

He said that he appreciated the desire for more committee involvement in programs expressed by many respondents in the report.

The report also suggested that student membership on the committees be mandatory. "No one disagrees with student members," Tibbits said, but he acknowledged that less than half of the committees have them. He said he intends to meet with the committee chairs to broach the subject.

Tibbits said he had difficulty with the concept of more committees and that he preferred to "find a balance to avoid the danger of duplication."

Tibbits said the report had "thought, and a lot of potential. Some PAC's are operating well, and I have no problem implementing the recommendations."

Carl Hennigar, chair of the board of governors, called the report comprehensive and its recommendations worthwhile.



Va-va-va-voom!

Scale-model racing enthusiasts, Dale George and Jordan Krupp, put their one-eighth model racers through their paces and between their legs in the parking lot outside Conestoga College's Detweiler Centre. Hobbyists meet every other Sunday to indulge. (see story page 8)

(Photo by Rob Maddox)



Sharon Kalbfleisch to head college's new school.

(Photo by Mel Taylor)

New school targets students now overlooked by colleges

By Mel Taylor

Conestoga College, following the advice of the provincial government's Vision 2000 report, is establishing a new school of access and preparatory studies to meet the needs of lower level high school students who cannot find further educational opportunities after Grade 12.

"The whole notion is popping up all over the system," said Sharon Kalbfleisch, dean of the new school, who attended a conference on the subject at Humber College on May 23 and 24.

The Vision 2000 report advocates increased focus on access and equity programming.

The new school will encompass a number of existing programs aimed

at upgrading and improving skills required in the workplace.

Kalbfleisch maintains that, as enrolment standards are raised in colleges, new programs must be developed for high school students with a general level of skills.

Conestoga president John Tibbits alluded to the need for such a program in a recent president's forum, when he referred to students who have trouble finding post-secondary institutions offering courses which are within their educational grasp.

"We should be there for everybody in the community," Tibbits said, "We can't abandon the majority of secondary school students, which I think most colleges have done in concentrating on the upper end of the spectrum."

The conference at Humber College which Kalbfleisch attended, called Access with Success: Developmental Studies in the '90s, outlined strategies aimed at assisting the under-prepared student through a variety of programs from academic upgrading to English as a second language.

Conestoga is applying those concepts to develop "models of different ways of doing business, to get people on welfare or unemployable into the program," according to Kalbfleisch.

The college's new school of access and preparatory studies will encompass existing preparatory programs, such as English as a second language and general arts and science, as well as programs sponsored by the ministry of education, such as Ontario Basic Skills (OBS) and the Futures program.

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Madness and Magic:
A compulsion to nest

By Katherine Hayes

Like characters in a Punch and Judy show, my husband and I recently went through the ancient ritual of finding a home for ourselves and our soon-to-be-born baby.

In this ageless endeavor there are forces at work, full of madness and magic. Powers stream down from the universe when it comes to buying a first home. Believe it.

You must understand that a woman expecting her first child holds fascinating powers over her partner. He is doomed to carry a certain sense of dread of upsetting her, which could cause some mysterious pregnancy problem, which could be HIS FAULT. This makes him incredibly susceptible to persuasion.

The expectant mother, on the other hand, is at the mercy of an unrelenting nesting instinct. She needs to have a home, the right home, for her baby. This makes her ruthless and devious beyond belief.

The result is your first home.

Consider my own case. As soon as the home pregnancy test showed positive, I found myself with a compulsion to buy a house.

Geoff, my husband, tried to derail this train of thought immediately.

"We're in the overdraft at the bank," he said simply.

I thought this was overly pessimistic.

Besides, money meant nothing to me. I knew it was madness, but I wanted a house. Somehow, it was meant to be.

I clipped articles that discussed the benefits of home ownership. I pointed out the unbelievably low interest rates and the great deals waiting for first-time buyers. He remained unmoved.

I was surprised and a bit puzzled. When was the magic going to kick in on his side? My God, we were two weeks into the plan.

I began repeating a new mantra: let the money come.

And it did. A little, anyway. Thus encouraged, I started reading house sale ads out loud. Just for future reference, I told him. Pretty soon we were discussing the pros and cons of hardwood floors. He had no idea how quickly I was closing in on him.

A full month having passed, I decided the time was ripe to talk to a bank manager.

Who knew with these things? Poof! Could be instant money.

Geoff didn't see this at all. He was appalled at my mental condition. The idea of financial scrutiny was agonizing for him.

However, obeying the primary rule of first pregnancy, he was forced to bend to my will. He went off to talk to the bank manager, looking like a man about to be hung.

He came back looking like a dead man. The predicted humiliation had occurred. He didn't even have the heart to discuss it.

I felt shattered; thrown from Olympus. What kind of magic flees in the face of a bank manager?

Geoff tried to cheer me up. He mentioned the still-falling interest rates. "Maybe next year," he smiled hopefully.

"No," I sighed. "We're just too poor."

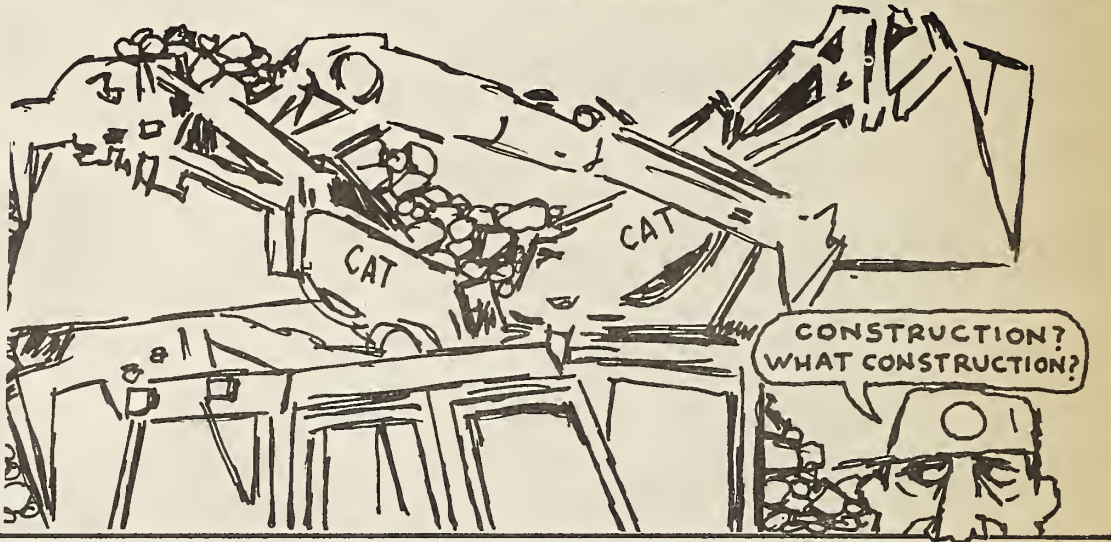
I could see him cringe, and then stiffen a little. That was interesting. Perhaps this was a lead to a new strategy. I perked up as the plan took form.

He never knew what hit him. Soon he was the leading force in the project. The money arrived shortly afterwards, and the perfect house just days later.

The closing chapter to this tale of homes and humans is that now I have my house, but I've lost my husband to the hardware store. All I see is the blinding flash of his tool kit, as he flies about happily demolishing my perfect home.

He is utterly content. I stand humbled, in awe of the magic.

OPINION



Machines cause job loss

The concept of leisure time has come to be a source of some confusion in our high-tech, fast-track century. As the drive to afford more opportunity for relaxation produced the technology to deliver the spare time for leisure pursuits, one major fault in the system has been overlooked.

The machinery which drives industrialized society requires less and less human supervision, but the means have not resulted in the desired end—that of freeing workers from the kind of drudgery which typified the worst abuses of the industrial revolution.

In fact, the proliferation of technology has done little to afford more leisure time.

The time on our hands has caused no end of grief for the unemployed and welfare-bound masses left jobless.

Ask any one of them how they are spending their new-found leisure time. They will probably tell you

most of that time is spent lining up for low-paying, part-time jobs at the most sordid end of the employment scale.

In addition, they have to suffer the slings and arrows of those who feel that any person without a job hasn't looked hard enough or doesn't care to.

At the opposite end of the social scale, those people who are gainfully employed seem to be falling victim to overwork and stress. They commonly claim they have no leisure time to speak of, nor could they run the risk of taking time off for fear of losing jobs which any number of people are clammering after.

It is the grossest irony of civilization and industrialization that the very ideal of leisure which we have been striving toward, since the first city-state found itself with an excess of grain, may very well be the downfall of the order of business which gave rise to culture in the first place.

—By Mel Taylor

Racial jokes not funny

Racism in the language Canadians speak every day is unnecessary. Put downs have gone beyond just racial slurs of the blacks to include Chinese, Japanese, Indians, Poles and any other ethnic group that comes to mind.

In a time when the cultures of Canada are so diverse, movement should be away from the jokes and discriminatory statements towards words hailing a warm welcome to our fellow countrymen. One could be the neighbor next door. The warmer the welcome the greater the chance they will want to Canadians too (if they are not already.)

Many people have immigrated to Canada to escape some problems that have plagued them in their homeland.

They are only looking to have a new beginning. Why should they have to come here and only suffer more? Isn't it enough they have to adjust to a new way of life a new language, culture and people?

A bit of empathy is needed on the part of Canadians to try and understand the problems that new Canadians

face.

First, many have to learn a new language in order to communicate and be able to work. Others have to adjust to a different lifestyle and try and understand what they can do and what they can't do. For some, the greater freedoms many cause problems.

It takes time to adapt and survive in a new country and as Canadians our arms should be open to try and help make the transition a little easier rather than coming up with a new joke. It is time to change our attitudes towards others who were not born and raised in Canada.

At one time, many people's parents were not natives of Canada. Somewhere along the family tree, members came to Canada from somewhere else and they made Canada their home. There is still room to share with others who want to be Canadians.

Everyone should join in and stop laughing at the racist jokes and maybe other Canadians will get the picture it is not funny anymore.

—By Judy Willan

Integrity versus the truth

Motorists beware. The authority of the police is almost sacred with regard to traffic violations.

For example, even on roads without posted speed limits an officer without a radar gun can use the speedometer reading on his vehicle as a basis to charge a motorist with a speeding offence. A motorist is expected to know what the speed limits are in various areas such as school zones and built up areas.

On May 14, I appeared before a judge to plead my case against an alleged speeding offence committed on Charles Street.

I convinced the judge there were doubts about evidence provided by the Crown by mentioning I had to stop at four sets of traffic lights. Unless I ran a red light I could not have been going 72 kilometres an hour in a 50 km/h zone.

I also explained I must have been confused with a commuter missed by the officer. Charles Street is used

by commuters to join the 401, especially at the time the offence was said to have been committed—5:30 a.m.

The judge said the evidence of the police officer could not be disregarded because the officer had integrity, had been trained properly in the use of a radar gun to detect speeding motorists, and had tested the equipment to determine it was in working order.

The fact the officer admitted that from where she had parked she could not see a vehicle which had either run a red light or stopped at one was irrelevant. According to the officer, my car was the only one visible at the time I was stopped. In hindsight, I should have appealed to the good judgment of the presiding judge.

Next time you get a summons for any traffic violation, especially if it falls under section 109 of the Highway Traffic Act, go to court and defend yourself. Even if you lose, you would have learned your rights as they pertain to traffic rules. Or the lack of them.

—By Kingsley Marfo

Staff to retain vote at DSA executive meetings

By Stephen Uhler

Full-time staff members of the Doon Student Association will retain their vote at executive meetings but not on the board of directors.

This was approved during the bi-weekly executive meeting held on May 27. The board of directors still have to give final approval for the change to be incorporated into the DSA's constitution.

The move would continue to allow Phil Olinski, the DSA's business manager, and Becky Westman, the activities co-ordinator, to have input into policy-making, but only at executive meetings.

Earlier proposals would have changed the constitution to deny paid staff members a vote at either the executive or board level to make the organization entirely student-run.

However, the majority of the executive didn't want to freeze the staff out of decision-making entirely.

Jamie Slater, vice-president external, said although the DSA is

primarily a student organization both the activities coordinator and business manager "have been employed (by the DSA) and therefore are part of it. They do have executive status."

Treasurer Troy Schmidt said it would be a mistake to leave major financial decisions solely up to the student members of the DSA, without staff members like Olinski having any influence on decision-making.

"You get some wrong students in (the DSA) one year without Phil having any power at all, you can destroy the whole thing," Schmidt said.

Slater then asked Olinski for his opinions.

"I think that from a student's perspective . . . they've got a right to see (the) highest possible level of integrity in the voting process, especially when it comes to financial matters," Olinski said.

Olinski also said full-time staff have a great deal of responsibility, and questioned the lack of influence they have over decisions affecting their area of work.

"Does it really make a lot of

sense to give them that level of responsibility and accountability without any authority or any formal mechanism in which to impact the decision-making process?" asked Olinski.

Slater introduced a formal motion to allow both Olinski and Westman to vote at executive meetings but not on the board of directors. The motion carried and will be

written into the DSA's constitution.

In related business, it was noted revisions to the constitution are nearly complete. Anita Arnold, vice-president internal, has been chosen by the executive to assist in drafting up a formal version of the document. She will receive a \$400 honorarium for approximately 100 hours work.

The constitution will be submitted to a lawyer for proofreading, but will also be proofed by the administration in order to reduce the lawyer's workload and bill.

Arnold said most of her work on the constitution will be completed by the end of June, with a final draft completed by July 31.

The constitution itself should be ready by Christmas.

Staff can't vote at other schools

By Stephen Uhler

Salaried staff members are not allowed to vote in student government at five other colleges contacted by Spoke in a telephone poll.

"Most definitely not," said Shane Forsyth, vice-president of social affairs for the student union at Niagara College. "The only way you can become a voting member is you're elected in. You have to be a student to be able to vote on the

student government."

Bill MacLaughlin, president of Fanshawe College's student union in London, Ont., said their staff have no voting privileges.

"The way it works is we have our full-time staff at our meetings (where) they provide input and express their views."

Jennifer Vollering, vice-president of finance for the Student Administrative Council at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough, said their

business manager doesn't have a vote, although "he does give advice."

According to Tay Arflan, vice-president for activities at Seneca College in Toronto, the Student Federation Council does employ a full time advisor, "but she does not hold a vote . . . (the) council makes most of the decisions."

All who were contacted said they had never heard of staff members getting to vote on student government decisions.

Concerns addressed by DSA constitutional amendments

By Stephen Uhler

Allowing salaried, non-elected members of the Doon Student Association to continue to vote at executive meetings—but not at board meetings—is just one change being made to the student council's constitution.

Amendments also address other concerns such as a clearer definition of what criteria candidates for DSA and board of directors positions have to meet.

Jamie Slater, DSA vice-president external, said "there's been some confusion and some push" over allowing the staff to have the vote. That was one of the issues that has not been solved this year, Slater said.

Previously, he said, full-time

staff was empowered to vote at the executive and board levels.

Troy Schmidt, the treasurer, said the DSA itself only recently became a student run organization. Mentioning past DSA members, Schmidt said, "they just didn't care. They were here just for the fun of it. They didn't really do anything and every one" had to go to Phil Olinski, the business manager, for advice.

"The past president, John Lassel, has basically changed all that," said Schmidt.

The amendment process to the DSA's constitution was initiated by Lassel, according to Schmidt and Slater, approximately two years ago, with the formation of a constitutional committee.

These actions led to some fric-

tion between Lassel and Olinski, Schmidt said. He said a "lot of time and a lot of pain and a lot of arguments and a lot of suffering made [the DSA] more of a student organization."

Yet at the May 27 DSA executive meeting, it was decided to allow staff to continue to vote at the executive level, but not at the board of directors.

"It's pretty hard to take away (Olinski's) input in a vote for money at the executive level, especially as he is here year after year and is accountable for it (as the business manager)," Schmidt explained.

Full-time staff have one or two votes while the students have five, "but at least their input is worth something," said Schmidt.

All changes to the DSA constitution have to be voted on and approved by the board of directors, which is the top governing body of the DSA.

The board itself, said Slater, "comprises . . . one member per year of every program eligible for a vote."

Eligibility for DSA candidates and board of directors members is another area to be cleared up by the amended constitution. This will prevent situations like the last DSA election in which three candidates were disqualified.

"It should have been publicized," said Slater, who promised the amended constitution will spell out requirements for office seekers.

Slater said all candidates for DSA elections, officers of the cor-

poration of the DSA, and board members will have to maintain a C average and possess no F grades.

Other changes to the constitution create the position of speaker of the house for the board of directors.

The speaker, to be elected by the board, will perform the role of chairperson, whose main purpose is to maintain order during meetings and cast the deciding vote in case of a stalemate.

This was originally held by the DSA's president, but it was decided to create the position of speaker in order to keep the chairperson impartial.

The candidates will present themselves at the first board meeting in September.

The elections will take place in October.

Most first aid training comes too late

By Katherine Hayes

Doogie Howser doesn't do it right. Neither do the firefighters in the new movie, Backdraft. The worst offenders are probably the rescue workers on the television show Rescue 911.

In fact, most first aid depicted in films is "totally unrealistic," according to Tamara Lee-Constable, a training officer for St. John Ambulance.

Lee-Constable led a workshop in basic first aid at Conestoga College, Doon campus, on June 6-7.

"In the movies, first aid is all for show," she said.

"You see the actors carrying around some poor guy with blood and guts just pouring out of his body. They don't even bandage him first."

Another standard movie mistake, she said, is moving the victim first, then snapping on the cervical collar.

Lee-Constable, 20, said she was hoping to correct such misconcep-

tions about first aid with the 16 people who signed up for the course.

"I want them to have a basic knowledge of first aid and be comfortable doing it."

Among other things, that includes being able to stop bleeding and choking, starting someone breathing again and recognizing and assisting in the early stages of a heart attack.

Full cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) requires a separate training course because it is a different kind of first aid, said Lee-Constable.

Many of the workshop participants were taking the course because it is a requirement for entering the college nursing program, while others were professionals who needed the training for their workplace.

Mario Tristao, a safety representative at a local engineering firm, said the provincial government should make first aid training a requirement for all industrial and

construction workers.

"First aid training would really promote safety awareness and cut down on the carelessness that happens," said Tristao.

The responsibility of 12 employees in her diagnostics business prompted Mary Anthes, from Guelph, to take the course.

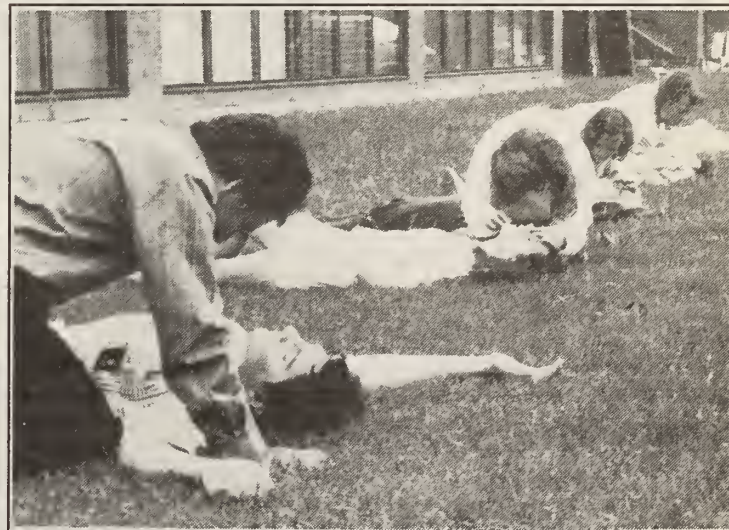
"My friends are getting older, too, and I want to be able to help them if I have to," added Anthes.

When an emergency arises, most people remember their training, said Lee-Constable. The real problem with first aid training, she said, is that "many people don't take the course until it's too late."

Doreen Wilson, a Waterloo fitness instructor, said she took the course after putting it off for years.

"I work with seniors in a pool. One day I just decided that I would do it. No more excuses."

Although she recommends that everyone take a basic first aid course, Lee-Constable said there are common summer emergencies



Learning artificial respiration on the college lawns.

(Photo by Katherine Hayes)

with which almost anyone can assist.

"Watch the heat," she warned. "If you, or someone with you, has breathing problems, dizziness or sudden, profuse sweating, get inside to cool down and get help."

It takes someone with training to assess whether the victim has heat exhaustion or a full heat stroke, said

Lee-Constable. Body temperatures can rise to 111 degrees with a heat stroke, and an ambulance must be called immediately.

Drinking in the sun can cause people to ignore the usual discomforts which warn of too much heat, she added. In fact, passing out in the sun could lead to a life-threatening sunburn.

Wartime death in El Salvador a daily reality

by Sarah Jane Paterson

In El Salvador death is no longer news, says Leonel Perez, a first-semester journalism student who has worked in the small Central American country as a reporter. It was important news at the beginning of the 11-year-old civil war, because it was new. Little by little it changed. Now, "it no longer surprises anyone. It's nothing, because 100,000 Salvadorans have died," he said.

"If they kill my brother, I'm going to feel really bad. It's not the same if they kill another person. So what if they die?" Perez said in an interview in Spanish.

In El Salvador, people have become accustomed to war.

Citizens in the street run and hide when they hear an explosion. Later they come out and carry on their daily activities, as if nothing had happened, he said.

The reality of war was brought home to Perez while he was working for a French press agency. He went to the department of Usulután, 118 kilometres east of San Salvador, to confirm a bulletin heard on Radio Venceremos, a guerrilla radio station. It stated a bridge had been blown up.

Guerrilla commanders showed the reporters seven soldiers who died in combat. The bodies were inflated and decomposing and vultures were eating the remains.

"I couldn't comprehend that these vultures, who eat trash and dead dogs, were eating humans. You say to yourself, 'This is the war'" Perez said.

The majority of the deaths are attributed to the death squads, which are para-military groups

linked to the military establishment and the government.

Perez said the death squads go to houses at night, take people outside and assassinate them. About 100,000 of the population of five million have been killed, he said. There are one million refugees outside of the country and as many displaced persons inside of it.

In this context the work of journalists is difficult, because they are working in war conditions.

"You think, something is going to happen, worse than which has already happened. You're afraid because it's not normal to be calm."

"You are confronted by two sides. On the one hand, the guerrillas and on the other, the government," Perez said.

The government is powerful and doesn't allow freedom of expression, he said.

Perez began studying journalism at the University of El Salvador in 1977. He didn't graduate because he got married and became a father. "I had to support them so I had to work," he said. He completed three years of a four year program.

The father of three worked 12 years in the media 5 1/2 as a journalist. He worked for four radio stations (one as a foreign news correspondent), a television station and with the French news agency.

sold advertising for radio and was a disc jockey.

"You have to look to other things to support a family," he said.

In El Salvador, when you leave your house in the morning, you don't know if you will return that night, Perez said.

"You can't plan for the future, for yourself, or for your children."

When there are quiet days in El Salvador, you become paranoid, he said.

"You think, something is going to happen, worse than which has already happened. You're afraid because it's not normal to be calm."

The final decision to leave El Salvador came when Perez received a phone call from the National Secretary of Information of the Salvadoran government. He was news correspondent for Radio Impacto of Costa Rica.

Officials called him to the office of the Secretary of Information in the Presidential House and cordially greeted him. Journalists have a "professional relationship" with government officials, Perez said.

The secretary asked him why had he written an article about a strike at ANTEL, a company similar to Bell Canada. The article stated there were 40,000 employees in the company. The secretary said it gave the impression the entire government was at a standstill and accused him of inaccuracy.

He told Perez it wasn't "convenient" for the government's international image and suggested Perez be more careful with such stories.

Perez said he defended the story because he considered it correct.

Perez said approximately 100 journalists have been killed in the



Leonel Perez, first-year journalism student, looks at film negatives during class at the Doon campus.

(Photo by Sarah Jane Paterson)

last 11 years in the civil war in El Salvador.

There is always outside interference in the press, defending the interests of the owners of the press, who are mainly right-wing, he said.

About one-third of journalists in El Salvador are corrupt, he said. Since they are badly paid they take on "extra" jobs writing good things about the government.

The war has to end. People have

arrived at a point where they can't stand it any more, he said.

Perez said he believes the war will end soon. He has to have hope it will end, he said.

"Like all Salvadorans, I think of returning (to El Salvador) because it's my country. And . . . even though I would like to feel like I belong here (Canada), I feel like I'm in a house that is not mine," he said.

Tiananmen Square massacre remembered at memorial

By Lyn McGinnis

A group of Chinese students rushed down the aisle carrying placards reading: Rule of Law, Democracy, and Human Rights. A lone student ran up to them and shouted, "No, stop, you'll be killed!"

Suddenly the room went dark, there was the sound of machine-gun fire, and the lights went up on the lone student weeping at the sight of all the protesters lying on the ground.

So began the Tiananmen memorial night on June 4 at the University of Waterloo, marking the second anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators by troops in Beijing.

The memorial, conducted in both English and Mandarin Chinese, included solo and choral singing, poetry readings, prayers, talks and dramatic presentations.

"You will arise from blood and tears, you will be 10, 100, nay, you will be 1,000 times stronger than you are today. You will stand solidly, proud, proclaiming out loud the rights of men," recited Rebecca Chan from her poem entitled, No, You Did Not Die.

People spilled into the aisles and stood three rows deep at the back of the 250-seat lecture theatre.



Kenneth Lee (l) is the judge, Patrick Lau (seated) is the prisoner and Ben Ho (r) is the Party official, in a scene from the play 'The Trial of Wang Juntao.'

(Photo by Lyn McGinnis)

They sang songs, both sad and spirited, while images of Chinese students erecting the Goddess of Democracy in Tiananmen Square and soldiers firing into crowds played on a giant screen.

The drama group performed a play titled The Trial of Wang Jun-

tao, based on a transcript of the Feb. 12 trial of Wang Juntao, 32. He was charged with being one of the "Black Hands" of the democracy movement plotting to overthrow the government, and was sentenced to 13 years in prison.

While the audience listened at-

tentively to the production, whenever Wang Juntao's defence lawyer concluded an argument they burst into applause.

Professor Peter Chieh, president of the Association for Human Rights in China, spoke about the importance of local activities to remember Tiananmen Square.

"We do this to satisfy our own conscience. We want to show our Canadian friends that we are not here just to make a living. If we do not speak against injustice and the human rights violations, our own dignity will suffer," said Chieh.

Rev. Arthur Louis, of the K-W Chinese Alliance Church, said a prayer for all the victims of repression in China. He also mentioned the leadership in Beijing.

"There is a higher authority above them. They cannot forever do whatever they like in suppressing the people," Louis said.

He later said in an interview the leadership of China is following the ancient Chinese pattern of oppression, where the dynasty claims to hold the Mandate of Heaven.

Eventually, they always lose the support of the people, and fall. Louise said the present leadership is no different.

"The government knows they have lost their foreign students who were abroad during the massacre. They know they cannot afford to

lose all these students, the brightest minds of China studying in Canada, America and Europe, who will never go back," said Louis.

Both Louis and Chieh spoke about how sensitive the Chinese government is to the activities of Chinese people speaking out in other countries. Neither man advocated violent confrontation with the government, but the need for reaching out to those who are suffering under the present regime.

"We are not here to encourage an uprising in China. We do not encourage Beijing students to demonstrate," said Chieh, "Uprisings are caused by mismanagement of the government. Student demonstrations are caused by the bad ears of the government. We are here to support the oppressed, and we speak for those whose words cannot be heard."

The evening was arranged by the Association for Human Rights in China, formed July 9, 1989, by members of the Chinese-Canadian community in response to the massacre and subsequent crackdown in China.

Other supporters of the event included the Central Ontario Chinese Cultural Centre, the Chinese Students Association, UW, the Chinese Students and Scholars Association, the K-W Chinese Alliance Church and the Latin Club.

Experience Conestoga

Waterloo campus holds orientation for students starting in September

by Sarah Jane Paterson

A festive atmosphere welcomed more than 80 students and their family members to Experience Conestoga, at the Waterloo campus, May 28.

The campus was decorated with balloons and banners and free coffee, pop, chips and popcorn were provided for the participants.

Rose Woo, promotion and publicity coordinator for the Waterloo Student Association and a second-year general business student, said orientation is important because students feel more comfortable about coming to college and can get an idea of what they're getting into. "It's a good icebreaker."

The orientation was for students who have been accepted into the degree programs of early childhood education, general business and office systems administration, as well as the certificate programs of office systems operations and appliance and heat pump.

Darlene Copeland, peer tutor and second-year food and beverage management student, greeted new students at the front doors. Incoming students got a chance to find out

more about their individual programs during presentations in classrooms.

"We're here to help them (students) realize what it's going to be like when they come here in September," she said.

According to Copeland, the best thing about the Waterloo campus is its small size. "Here, all the faces seem familiar to you, and you get to know everybody better."

Sam McElrca, coordinator and teacher of the preparatory programs, said Experience Conestoga was initiated a few years ago as part of Conestoga's plan to increase enrolment, and it's been successful.

"Students might have applied at one or two other colleges, and this might swing the vote our way," he said.

Lorraine Garner, a counsellor at student services, said the Waterloo campus is a good place for students who are away from their home for the first time, because of its small size and friendly atmosphere.

"We realize that we don't have things like the rec centre, but we have the personal touch. The teachers, student services and peer services all extend themselves to

make people feel as comfortable as possible," she said.

The day's agenda included an information session in the cafeteria where students were given information about Conestoga College.

Andy Clow, chair of business programs and principal at the Waterloo campus, told students they will probably find the Waterloo campus friendlier and less impersonal than a larger campus.

He urged students to go to teachers or students services if they have problems. "Don't come in here (the cafeteria) and sit and drink coffee and stare at the wall," he said. June Dahmer, student services, said that receiving money through OSAP can take 10 to 12 weeks.

"If you have an application form at home, dust off the cobwebs, fill it out now and send it in," she said.

Paul Griffin, Waterloo Student Association president, urged students to participate in activities during the school year and give ideas to the WSA for possible events and activities.

"Student council is here to help you enjoy your stay at Conestoga College. Flag us down; we're around if you need some help,"



Sue Gamgee (left) interprets for Lauri Jean Murray (right) who will start operations administration management in September
(Photo by Sarah Jane Paterson).

Griffin said. The WSA is working on a schedule for the year of activities such as day trips or weekend trips.

After a question and answer session, there was a tour of the campus.

Michelle Leendertse, WSA

secretary, peer helper and peer tutor, in second-year food and beverage management, said the orientation was successful although there were fewer than the 100 that were expected. It was informal, which is good to help the students feel more comfortable, she said. "I felt everybody asked the questions they wanted to know."

Certificate programs, such as Ontario Basic Skills and Focus for Change (a career planning and goal setting program) have separate orientations.

Faculty are in charge of orientations for the English as a second language program because of the language barrier and the fact it has a continuous intake. The homemaker program also has separate orientations, which are done by student services.

The orientation was organized in cooperation with the whole campus, and spearheaded by Dahmer.

There were many "unsung heroes" who helped with the orientation, such as the maintenance handymen, who hung banners and mowed the lawn in preparation of the event, she said.

There will be another orientation on the first day of school, Sept. 3, for students who couldn't make it to this one.

New students introduced to nursing program at Doon

By Kim McLaren

New nursing students entering Conestoga College, Doon campus, in the fall, met in the guild room the evening of May 30, to take part in Experience Conestoga, a preliminary event to the program and college itself.

A binder with the program's three-year outline was handed out to more than 55 students and parents, and a tour of the college was conducted by peer helpers from the nursing program.

According to Bill Jeffrey, dean of health science services, there were more than 1,500 applicants for diploma nursing, nursing assistant and ambulance programs, with 170 seats available in all.

Jeffrey said it was "a tough competition this year," and congratulated those who were accepted into the program.

There were a number of questions concerning clinical practice, where students work in a hospital environment two days a week, putting theory into practice. Parking was an issue because of the expense involved.

"A hospital's revenue comes from parking, because they don't get enough support from the ministry of health," Jeffrey said.

He said negotiations under way for a day rate for students, but right now, "students rely on car pools."

Students asked if they would be sent to different hospitals for clinical practice in Stratford,

Fergus, Cambridge or Guelph. They were told a different hospital was scheduled for each semester and that they were responsible for their own transportation.

Anita Arnold, vice-president internal for the Doon student association, who lives in Guelph, said she "never had a problem getting a ride to school."

Jeffrey said Conestoga graduates are stronger in many ways from an adaptability standpoint.

He added that employers look for a strong clinical graduate with the ability to use more than one facility.

"We are very rich in this area, and compete with absolutely no one but ourselves," Jeffrey said.

He informed students that

health care is now moving into the community and more emphasis is put on community health care in the curriculum.

Jeffrey said the trend was toward people going home after shorter hospital stays.

"They have a baby and they're out in three days," Jeffrey said. "Acute surgery or an abdominal operation and they're out in three days. It used to be five to 10 days."

Peer helpers and counsellors from student services discussed the transition from high school to college, cost of books, OSAP, accommodations and workshops.

A workshop called "ready-set," is scheduled for Aug. 26 during orientation week at the college.

New board member supports student accessibility

By Shawn Gillick

The interest in enhancing student accessibility at Conestoga College discussed recently by President John Tibbits received a boost with the appointment of Anna Bortolon to the board of governors at its May 27 meeting.

Bortolon is the executive director of the Guelph multicultural centre, a position she has held for nine months. She graduated from Waterloo's Wilfrid Laurier University in 1984 with a BA in economics, and has held a variety of positions, including a stint as director of finance for the YMCA of Kitchener.

She has also been involved with community development, "mainly in Guelph, assisting immigrants, and in facilitating race relations and women's issues," she said in an

interview following the board meeting.

Prior to accepting the position at the multicultural centre, she had returned to WLU to pursue a master's degree in business administration, which she said is now "on hold."

Bortolon said that she had been serving on the English as a second language program advisory committee (PAC) when Tibbits asked if she was willing to be interviewed for a position on the board of governors.

Her goals as a member of the board of governors are simple. She said she was "one of the people interested in increasing the activity of the PACs" in the recent evaluation of the college's advisory committees carried out by the consulting firm of Peat Marwick Stevenson and Kellogg.

Bortolon said that the PACs have accomplished a lot, and there is room for their involvement in the planning and evaluation of program curriculum to increase.

She was enthusiastic about the college's plans to begin a fundraising campaign to supplement government grants. "There is definitely potential for raising money via community support," she said.

Creating and maintaining community support is crucial to the success of the college. Public "awareness must be developed and maintained" to promote the college's public image, she said, echoing recent comments made by Tibbits at a president's forum.

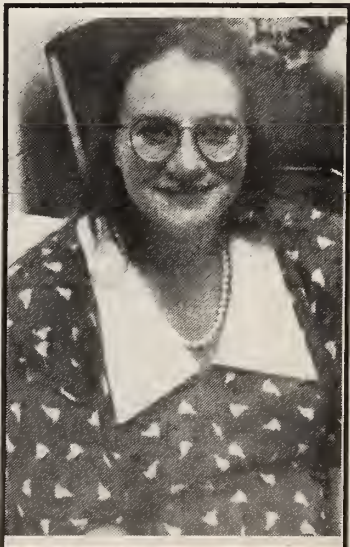
Bortolon is particularly interested in promoting part-time studies at the college. With the facilities available here, she said,

such as the wood skills building, Conestoga College has to open its doors to more than the very best students.

She said she approves of the recent announcement that the college will open a school of access to serve less-accomplished students. She sees no conflict in this policy and the administration's goal of retaining students, including the recent expansion of screening in various programs such as law and security.

"Flexibility in offering programs must be a priority, whether this means accepting the fact that some students will perform at a high level, and some at a poor level," she said.

"This may mean creating a 'quota' system where a certain number of seats are reserved for less-advanced students."



Anna Bortolon, new member of the board of governors.
(Photo by Shawn Gillick)

Convocation: more than a ceremony

By Kingsley Marfo

Flowing academic gowns and formal wear will provide a background for the presentation of awards to exceptional students at the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreational Centre, Doon campus, June 22.

This will be the 23rd convocation of Conestoga College. When Larry McIntyre, an instructor in broadcasting, radio and television, takes the stage as host, it will not be his

first time. He has hosted the two previous convocations. This year, he will have the privilege of introducing guest speaker Bill Hetherington, president of Allan Bradley Canada Ltd.

Hetherington whose Cambridge-based company produces electronic controls and motor drives, is a successful businessman from Brantford, Ontario.

An alumni of Ryerson Polytech-

nic Institute, he graduated in 1954. From his first job after graduation with General Electric Canada Ltd., as engineering designer, Hetherington worked for about three other companies. In 1973 he returned to Allan Bradley as manager of manufacturing, becoming president and chief executive officer in 1978.

Bob Neath, manager of recreation services and chairman of the 16-member convocation planning committee said Hetherington was chosen because "he has a message for our graduates."

"In addition, he (Hetherington) continues to support the college in various ways such as providing practical training to co-op students regularly."

Neath estimates that each session of the convocation, held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. will be attended by about 2,000 guests as well as 500 graduates.

Four award winners will be honored. Two of them have already been selected.

The Aubrey Hagar Award in recognition of teaching excellence will be awarded to Patricia Strachan, a health science teacher.

Two civil engineering students, Jaroslav Borovicka and Fernando Morais were joint winners of the Mastercraft Award which recognizes excellence in handskill or a special project by final year students related to their career.

The awards yet to be decided are the Governor General's Medal, recognizing students in a diploma program with the highest academic standings, while the James Church Award is given to final year students with the highest academic achievement in addition to making a significant contribution to the community.

The committee, made up of representatives from management, faculty, staff and the alumni association meets year round since it is the tradition of the college to hold two convocations a year; one in spring and the other in fall. Neath said planning a convocation is a year-round task to ensure that it runs as smoothly as possible.

"Long before the flowing gowns, eloquent speeches and congratulatory messages ... we work behind-the-scenes, before, during and after each convocation," Neath said.

For example some of the preplanning include the numerous tasks such as sending out invitations, renting gowns, erecting a platform, getting an organist and getting volunteers to sing the Canadian national anthem.

"As well the office of the registrar is busy preparing certificates and compiling a list of students with special recognitions for bursaries, scholarships and special awards," Neath said.

On convocation day itself about 32 volunteers assist in performing tasks such as showing spectators, guests and parents to their seats.

Health services staff provide emergency health care to participants while employees from early childhood education stand by to give parents who need help with baby-sitting, a break to enjoy the ceremony in peace.

There are several activities leading up to the award of diplomas and faculty staff. For example graduates are grouped according to specific programs and directed by their faculty members to their seats.

It is also faculty representatives who read off names of the graduates for the presentations and awards, while department heads, usually present liripipes (a set of stripes worn on the shoulders) to graduates from their faculty.



Robert Neath
(photo by Kingsley Margo)

The role of administration in the ceremony, besides occupying the most prominent seats, is to acknowledge the new alumni with a handshake as they stride across the platform, proudly clutching their certificates and diplomas.

The planning committee and the alumni association sets up picture booths, as well as special stands where college memorabilia are sold.

Convocations conclude with a reception held at the college cafeteria.

To each new alumni a certificate or diploma giving formal recognition to the successful completion of an academic pursuit confers special merit for a job well done and gives personal satisfaction, said Neath.

"We analyze and critique every convocation, from choice of guest speaker to the logistics of convocation day itself. Our goal is to ensure that this special moment remains memorable to Conestoga graduates and we do not spare any effort."

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Special needs co-ordinator applauds construction

by Nate Hendley

Workers at Doon have been on a major building spree, and few staff members are happier about it than Rick Casey, special needs co-ordinator to the college.

"You'll see a new face on Conestoga come September or October," Casey said.

Construction crews at Doon have been expanding the main cafeteria but other projects have been under way as well.

Armed with a grant from the provincial Ministry of College and Universities, work is under way to make Doon more accessible to disabled students. About \$225,000 of the \$576,000 grant has been channeled for projects to "make accessible what wasn't accessible before for challenged students," said Casey.

"There will be grab bars put in bathrooms, pneumatic doors that swing out instead of in, lower paper dispensers" explained Casey.

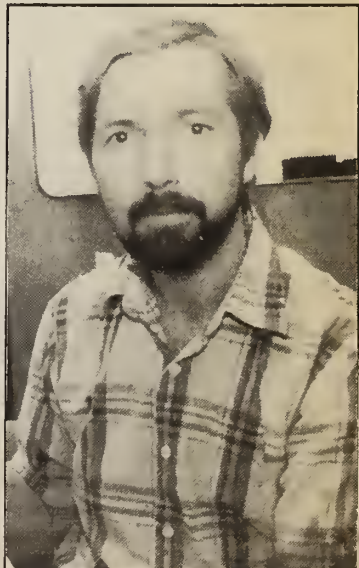
Although over half the provincial grant is earmarked for special

needs training Casey is still pleased of the work in progress.

"It's exciting to see initiatives, to see change at the school," he said. He added, "Today, we have to recognize that we are mandated to provide services and renovation. The provincial government saw this and gave us the money to make these changes at Conestoga."

Casey said Bill 82, passed in 1980 by the Ontario legislature as an amendment to the Education Act, required all secondary and public schools by 1985 "to have supports in place for students seemed exceptional". Although this mandatory legislation didn't effect universities and colleges, Casey said, "We're getting lots of kids now from high school used to having facilities in place for their special needs". Accordingly, Conestoga has decided to expand their own facilities for disabled students. Of all projects under way at Doon, Casey said he is pleased with the apparent approval by administration for construction of a special needs elevator at the

entrance of stairwell 5. Casey said the \$200,00 elevator would benefit all students, especially those in broadcasting who currently have to take equipment to their third and fourth floor classes in B-wing on the service elevator.



Rick Casey
(Photo by Nate Hendley)

ENTERTAINMENT

Gropetoads leap-frog their way to success

By Jodi Crawford

Some lucky Conestoga College students got a taste of unadulterated weirdness May 30 when they experienced the Cambridge band, the Gropetoads.

The Gropetoads delivered a wild and wacked-out show to a crowd of about 100 at Phil's Grandson's Place in Waterloo.

The gig got off to an interesting start when drummer Gord Stevenson, 21, displayed his groovy, VERY large, gold harem pants by doing an imitative M.C. Hammer dance to appreciative onlookers.

Lead singer Joe Tohill, 21, then leapt on stage wearing a dress over a bladder control garment, which was tested in the latter part of the show when a volunteer poured a pitcher of water down it.

The band employed a vacuum cleaner throughout the gig as a special effects device. The high-tech effects occurred when confetti was stuffed into the vacuum, reversing it to spew its contents onto the crowd.

Unfortunately, the second time this was attempted the vacuum backfired, belching a couple of dust clouds and sputtering to its death.

In between their many antics the band actually managed to play a few songs.

The Gropetoads emulated such musical styles as thrash, funk, ska and country and cuisinarted them into a fresh but strange original sound.

Song topics ranged from shopping and suicide to chicken and Cambridge.

A hilarious cover version of Pink Floyd's Wish You Were Here was executed by the Gropetoads in a

country hoedown mode.

They also modified Anthrax's cover of Joe Jackson's Got The Time to a song about chicken.

Conestoga College students were interspersed throughout the audience Thursday night. For the most part they seemed to enjoy the show.

"They're really good musicians but the music's too loud," said Livia Srbu, a journalism student.

Ron Cybulskie, a graphics student and member of Zany Mandrill, has opened for the Gropetoads at a number of gigs. He attests to being influenced and impressed by the Gropetoads.

Kim Graham, also a graphics student at Conestoga, has seen the Gropetoads a few times in the last month and says she has a good time every time she sees them.

"The Gropetoads are a great band," said Graham, "They're a lot of fun."

The Gropetoads, which also includes Cory Barnes, 22 (lead guitar), and Kevin Hall, 20 (bass), is a tight group of musicians.

They are diverse in their talents, and are all able to play other instruments. Barnes plays "good thrash drums and bass."

Stevenson also plays bass and guitar and Hall knows the guitar and "a bit of drums."

Tohill is versed in the harmonica and slide whistle, which he demonstrated during the show.

The Gropetoads came together as a band about seven months ago.

Barnes returned from a stint in Holland and met up with his Cambridge pals. Junglefudge, the band that Stevenson and Tohill were in, had recently broken up. Hall was looking for a band and

their mutual state of limbo brought them together to form the Gropetoads.

Barnes said their group works well together because they "have the same general attitudes toward music and practise every day."

The band got its unusual moniker from a friend, Ross Ridsdale. They had almost settled on the name Irving Pinecomb, when Ridsdale just picked "Gropetoads" out of the air. They liked the name and it stuck.

Gropetoad performances are saturated with absurdity. Their actions as well as their songs reveal their inane sense of humor. What they find funny gives some clues to their mindset.

"Glam-rock bands who take themselves seriously, like Poison (are funny)," Stevenson said. "So is All In The Family."

Hall finds Chris Elliot, middle-aged, paper-delivering star of the TV sitcom, Get A Life, funny. Dave Shipley, the Gropetoads' roadie, also cracks him up.

Musically the band's influences are as diverse as UZEB, Frank Zappa and George Clinton, as well as Fishbone, James Brown and GWAR.

The Gropetoads have played quite a few gigs in their relatively short time together. They have a few that they consider their best.

A show at the Highlands at the end of May was successful. They also enjoyed opening for Boot-sauce at Aztec's in Hamilton and Firehose in London.

Unfortunately, there also was a disastrous gig that they unanimously agreed was their worst.

At a show at Shooters in Guelph there were just a few patrons. They were only interested in watching



Joe Tohill (l) and Cory Barnes (r), of the Gropetoads, offer a "funkadillyiscious experience."

(Photo by Jodi Crawford)

"the game" on TV and wanted to hear "classic rock".

On top of that, the Gulf War began that evening, and someone behind the bar kept turning their power on and off.

Luckily, the Gropetoads overcame such adversity and have an independently-produced tape coming out by mid-July. The tape, which will include 12 songs, is being recorded at Ken Schultz's

Big House Studios in Cambridge.

They also say there is a possibility of getting signed to a label but will say no more about it.

The ultimate success for the Gropetoads would be if they could make a living performing.

They were to play June 8 in London at the Electric Banana and will probably make many more appearances in the area before the end of the summer.

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Conestoga College graduate plays in Cambridge benefit show

By Jodi Crawford

Javi Pena, a recent graduate of Conestoga College's broadcasting program was on the other side of the camera June 9 playing lead guitar for The K.O. Corral, one of nine bands performing at a Cambridge benefit for local musician Billy Kell.

Kell was recently diagnosed as having cancer and the money raised will help him pay medical expenses.

The K.O. Corral was the last band to play in the show which ran from 1 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The band also has Pete McCauley on guitar and vocals, Ken Brayshaw on bass and Jeff Griffiths on drums.

This "roots-pop" group made its debut at the Spotlight party at Pop The Gator in January.

Although they were all friends before playing together, it was McCauley who asked the rest to form a band with him. They had jammed

together before and decided to "make a go of it," said Pena.

Three out of four band members have previously played in other bands. McCauley was a member of Evil County and the Winchesters.

Pena has played in the Q107 Homegrown winning band, Wisconsin Johnnies, and the Rolling Stones cover band, Sticky Fingers.

Brayshaw was, and is, a member of Off The Wall.

Pena cites as their influences as such acts as Blue Rodeo, Razorbacks and Johnny Cash.

"Our influences are Elvis to Aerosmith, Hank Williams to the Clash, and everything in between," said McCauley.

He has a keen affinity for music, co-owning the Music Mart in Cambridge with Dave Angus.

Pena described their music as cross-over country, blues, rockabilly, and said they play it because it is fun, danceable, and they all appreciate it.

"It's rock pile for the '90s," said

McCauley.

Their almost 100 per cent original set seemed to be enjoyed by the crowd, filling the dance floor.

The energetic, albeit short (about one-half hour) performance was rousing and lively and a perfect end to the evening.

There was a special guest performance by Gabe Lee, of the Wisconsin Johnnies, who helped them close the benefit by joining in on their last two songs.

The K.O. Corral hopes to keep the band local.

"We're not aspiring to move to Toronto, or anything like that," said Pena.

The band is hoping to record at Ken Schultz's Big House Studios in Cambridge sometime soon and wishes to continue playing for as long as they can.

Long-term plans are indefinite. "It could be part of a career, or just part of a scrapbook," said McCauley.

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SPORTS

Students face hike in intercollegiate fee

By Joe Melo

Conestoga College students returning to the Doon campus in September will pay \$30 instead of \$25 for an intercollegiate fee used to fund varsity sports.

The fee was once hidden in Doon Student Association charges but has changed at the Doon Campus.

"In 1990-91, through an agreement with the student association (DSA), we changed the funding arrangement over, separating it, what we call an intercollegiate fee," said Dan Young, the college's athletic director.

All students attending the Doon campus will pay the fee, while other campuses will be supplying

money through their student associations.

Young said if the number of students that are expected enroll there will be a budget of about \$85,000, up from \$68,000 last year.

The increase will also help fund two new varsity teams: men's and women's volleyball.

The extra money will also help purchase new road jerseys for the men's and women's soccer teams while the hockey team will be provided with new home uniforms.

This year new uniforms were purchased for the men's and women's basketball teams.

Young said the program was on budget this year.

"We've been always right on budget or within \$1,000 of budget," he said.

According to Young, the highest costs for the varsity programs this season were the coaches and manager honorariums along with referees, which cost about \$20,000, and travel and accommodations, which also cost \$20,000.

Cost for new equipment and maintenance of it also cost \$20,000.

Tournament entry fees cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000 and association fees for the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association, In-

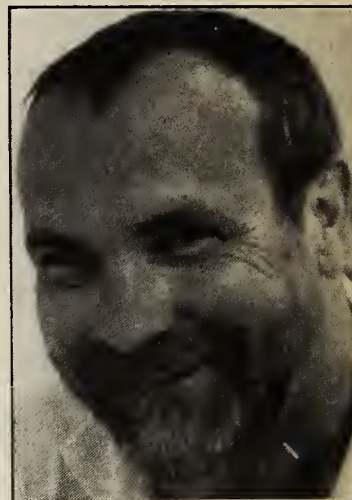
ternational Collegiate Hockey League and the Canadian Colleges Association cost roughly \$4,600,

The upkeep and purchase of equipment took care of the rest of the money along with insurance and \$10 per player for meal money when the team was away overnight.

The breakdown of how much money was spent on each team was not available at press time.

"How much each team gets depends on the length of the seasons," Young said.

"All the teams travel by the same mode of transportation, stay in the same kind of accommodations, and the meal money they get is at the same rate per day," he said.



Dan Young (Photo by Joe Melo)

Doon campus recreation centre to host summer camp



Laura Smith is busy organizing Conestoga Summer for kids.

(Photo by Joe Melo)

By Joe Melo

Conestoga College will soon be invaded by hundreds of children, who will be at the Doon campus attending the eighth annual summer recreational camp.

The camps will run in two-week sessions from July 2 to Aug. 23. Each two-week period will have a total of three camps running at the same time.

Laura Smith, camp director, has seen it all. The 21-year-old University of Western Ontario student attended the very first camp as a participant before starting to help run, and now organize, the camp.

All the camps are fully supervised, with a wide range of activities. Most of the events will take place on the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre grounds.

There are three distinct camps. The summer fun camp is restricted to children from five to nine years old. They will participate in arts and craft activities with some off-campus excursions.

The adventure camp is for children between the ages of 10 and 14 years of age which will include

canoeing and horseback riding and other outdoor activities.

The third group is a sports camp, also for 10 to 14 year olds. The main focus of the camp will be instruction in tennis, volleyball, badminton and soccer, and recreational baseball swimming and fitness instruction.

"This year we started something new, which is a computer option where the kids in the sports or adventure camp can pay an extra \$45, then three afternoons a week they go down to the main campus. We hired two people to give them instruction there," Smith said.

Students opting for this program will be instructed in Wordperfect 5.1 and Lotus1-2-3.

All the groups will also be taken on a field trip to Ontario Place.

"This year we're not able to take as many trips. Last year we took them to Canada's Wonderland and Ontario Place, but we've been told to reduce our cost a little bit," she said, even though they have turned profits in the past.

There still is plenty of room left in the program as both the sports and fun camps are close to 75 per

cent full, while 90 per cent of the adventure camp spots have been taken.

Registration can be done at any time during the summer at the recreation centre on the Doon campus.

"They don't accept them (applicants) over the phone so you have to come in and fill them out. We dropped them of at all the public schools in the area," Smith said.

Each group will have a camp leader (supervisor) aided by four or five of assistant leaders, who will lend a hand to all the groups.

The camp will be open every weekday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We're having a couple of sleepovers, with just the sports and adventure camps, where we pitch tents out by the forest," Smith said.

In case of rain, Smith said, sleepovers will be moved into the gym.

"The annual problem is equipment; it gets damaged. Badminton and tennis rackets, and we're forever losing tennis balls. They just disappear, but that's to be expected. There haven't been any major problems," she said.

Model cars race every Sunday in Detweiler parking lot

By Rob Maddox

Zero to 60 in 2.5 seconds is performance most people dream about from their cars, but it's commonplace for 1/8 scale model racing.

The parking lot at Conestoga College's Detweiler Centre played host to three scale-model racing enthusiasts Sunday June 3.

"This is my second year in model racing, but I've raced off-road models for seven years," chimney sweeper Jordan Krupp said.

Krupp, 29, from Eden Mills, said for someone just getting into miniature racing, it would cost between \$800 to \$1,000.

A car chassis costs about \$400



Dale George

(Photo by Rob Maddox)

and the 2-cycle engine, which produces 3.5 cc of power and runs on alcohol and nitro-

methane, costs between \$180 to \$400. A radio control unit costs about \$150, an exhaust system about \$45 and an electric starter is needed to spark the alcohol-powered motors.

Car accessories such as gas, repair tools and spare parts are also needed, Krupp said.

"I buy parts from a hobby store in Halifax because it's cheaper," he said.

A glow plug (which provides spark to the motor) costs about \$4.50 from a hobby store in Kitchener, and about \$3.50 from the store in Halifax.

Krupp spends a lot of time repairing and keeping his car racers in top shape.

"Last week, I spent about 20 hours of maintenance on the racers," Krupp said.

He added scale-car enthusiasts need a keen interest in racing to stay at it.

While many people buy scale cars racers, they don't race them on a regular basis. It's probably because the maintenance and the racing of the cars take so much time, Krupp said.

Although there are a lot of scale-racing enthusiasts in Canada, there's about 30 serious racers, who are committed to racing and winning, Dale George said.

George, 34, who owns a leisure products store in Paris, Ont., said scale racing is not promoted in Canada like it is in the United States.

George said on TSN (The Sports Network) there are

televised scale races and lots of promoters and sponsors. While racing at an American competition, George said "their (American racing) cars are capable of 65 mph and they made my car look like it was stopped."

George blamed lack of promotion and sponsorship as the reason model racing doesn't attract more attention in Canada.

"We want people to see what's going on," he said.

Currently, Krupp, George and about 15 other Kitchener-Waterloo scale racing enthusiasts get together every other Sunday at Conestoga College to race. They welcome anyone interested in seeing what scale racing is about.